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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 97-213
EX PARTE NOTICE**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to memorialize for the record in the referenced docket the meeting on October 29, 2003 among myself representing rural telephone company clients of Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast that provide Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) services, and the following Federal Communications Commission personnel: Carol Matthey, Thomas J. Beers and Cathy Zima of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

During this meeting, the attendees discussed the configuration of rural telephone company DSL facilities and services as they relate to Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) packet-mode capability requirements; the responses received by certain rural telephone companies from their DSL equipment vendors regarding the availability of packet-mode CALEA-compliant software and hardware; and the possibility of further Commission public notices or orders regarding packet-mode CALEA requirements and extensions thereof.

Consistent with section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we are filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the appropriate record of the referenced proceeding. Please direct any questions to me at (202) 828-5528.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Gerard J. Duffy
Gerard J. Duffy

cc: Carol Matthey, FCC
Thomas J. Beers, FCC

Cathy Zima, FCC